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SUBJECT: IRISL OBJECTIVES SHARED WITH GOI

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[1](#)1. On September 10, Econoff transmitted Treasury's press release on the designation of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) to a representative of Udi Levi, Director of the National Security Council's (NSC) Bureau of Counterterrorism Finance. The press release was also transmitted to Israeli Defense Intelligence (IDI), the Israeli Security Agency (ISA), and the Deputy Director for Counterterrorism at the MFA, Ariel Shafransky.

[1](#)2. Since Israel does not maintain diplomatic or commercial relations with Iran, it does not receive any Iranian ships in its ports or territorial waters. The GOI is highly supportive of any measure to thwart Iranian shipping activities, however, and it joins the US in lobbying the international community to act in this regard.

[1](#)3. Still lacking a procedure to designate entities acting outside of Israel, the GOI is unable to incorporate IRISL into its own regime (see reftel "B"). Due to the GOI's transitional state, Econ contacts at the NSC anticipate further delays in Knesset approval of the new procedure developed by the NSC. Updates will be forthcoming as information is provided to Post.

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